## **CLAIMS**

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1. A device for use in a wireless communication system comprising:

an input device for receiving a handoff trigger signal at a first mode respective to a first coverage area of the communication system; an output device for delivering the handoff signal at a second mode respective to a second coverage area; a converter for translating the handoff trigger signal from the first mode into the second mode; the second mode handoff signal for indicating to a subscriber station operating in the second mode within both of the coverage areas to switch from the second mode to the first mode so that the subscriber station operates in the first coverage area.

- 2. The device according to claim 1 wherein said first coverage area and said second coverage area of said system are based on a protocol selected from the group consisting of CDMA, TDMA, GSM, GPRS, AMPS and FDMA.
- 3. The device according to claim 3 wherein said protocols respective to said coverage areas are different.
  - 4. The device according to claim 1 wherein said handoff trigger signal is a conventional CDMA re-direction signal, and wherein said first mode is a first frequency and said second mode is a second frequency different from said first frequency.
- 5. The device according to claim 4 wherein said first coverage area and said second20 coverage area are served by respective CDMA base stations.
  - 6. The device according to claim 5 wherein said device is integral with one of said base stations.
  - 7. The device according to claim 4 wherein said converter comprises a down-converter operable to receive said handoff trigger signal from said input device and for